IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DEKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATED C APPLICATION:	CLASSIFICATION OF THIS	PRIOR APPLICATION		
	CLASS	SUBCLASS	EXAMINER	ART UNIT	
10921.93USD1			GIBBS, H.	2622	

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV347836797US

Date of Deposit: November 17, 2003

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Name: Teresa Anderson

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/585,871, filed on 1 June 2000, entitled IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND LIGHT CONDUCTOR USED FOR THE SAME.

- Ø Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or 1. declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 36 pages of specification, 20 claims, 1 page of abstract, 14 sheets of drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.
 - \boxtimes The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- \boxtimes Cancel original claims 1-18 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent 2. claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

 \boxtimes The filing fee is calculated below: 3.

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS:	-20	0	x	\$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 2	-3	0	x	\$86.00	0.00
				BASIC FILING FEE:	\$770.00
				TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$770.00

2	EPENDENI	CLAIMS	-3	0	x	\$86.00	0.00	
			·			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$770.00	
						TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$770.00	
			Small entity st	atus is claimed pursuant	to 37 C	FR 1.27.		
4.		Payment of fees: Attached is a check in the amount of \$770.00 Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.						
5.	\boxtimes	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.						
6.	\boxtimes	Amend	the specificatio	n by inserting before the	first lin	e the sentence:		
			• •	ion is a divisional of app are incorporated herein l		Serial No. 09/585,871, filed 1 June ence."	2000, which	
7.	\boxtimes	A set of formal drawings (14 sheets) is enclosed.						
8.	\boxtimes	Priority of application Serial No. 11-154765, filed on 2 June 1999 in Japan, and application Serial No. 11-167766 filed on 15 June 1999 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.						
	\boxtimes	The cert	tified copies ha	ve been filed in prior app	lication	Serial No. 09/585,871, filed 1 June	2000.	
9.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned of record to Rohm Co., Ltd. located at 21, Saiin Mizosaki-cho, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto 615-8585 Japan.						
10.	\boxtimes	The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:						
	٠.			Merchant Minneapolis,				
11.		A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)						
		Fee for	excess claims is	s attached.				
12.				peen filed to extend the to		he prior application until . A copy of	of the petition for	

2

13.		The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:						
14.		A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.						
15.	\boxtimes	Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449						
16.	\boxtimes	Address all future communications to the Attention of Douglas P. Mueller (may only be completed by attorney agent of record) at the address below.						
17.	\boxtimes	A return postcard is enclosed.						
			Respectfully submitted,					
			MERCHANT & GOULD P.C. P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903	23552 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE				
Date: 17 November 2003		<u>mber 2003</u>	Douglas P. Mueller					
			Reg. No. 30,300					